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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Habener, et al.
Serial No.: 09/963,875
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LANGERHANS AND THEIR USE IN
TREATING DIABETES MELLITUS

Examiner: M.A. Belyavskyi
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003.

Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period of response three months, up to, and including June 23, 2004, along with the necessary fee. Please charge the necessary extension fee as well as any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 3284/1235.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks.